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LINDA LINGLE
GOVERNOR

July 9, 2008

The Honorable Colleen Hanabusa, President
and Members of the Senate
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Madam President and Members of the Senate:

Re: Senate Bill No. 3255 SD2 HD2 CD1

On July 8, 2008, Senate Bill No. 3255, entitled "A Bill for an Act Relating to Long Term Care" became law without my signature, pursuant to Section 16 of Article III of the State Constitution.

The purposes of this bill are to establish long term care goals and implementation options and appropriates \$100,000 in funding for a long term care commission.

Although establishing a commission to improve and strengthen the State's long-term care system has merit, the Legislature, private sector, and non-profits have already created numerous task forces and working groups to address this issue. I am concerned that this commission will duplicate existing efforts and could consume valuable time and resources.

The long-term crisis is upon us. Rather than creating another commission to study the issue and identify goals, we should seek immediate solutions that will help people in need. I will encourage my appointees on this commission to focus on cost-effective and practical solutions to address the provision of long term care in Hawaii.

Additionally, because the funds contained within this bill fall outside the State's six-year balanced budget plan, I will instruct the Department of Budget and Finance to restrict these funds and would encourage the commission to seek private donations to carry out its mandate.

For the foregoing reasons, I allowed Senate Bill No. 3255 to become law as Act 224, effective July 8, 2008, without my signature.

Sincerely,

LINDA LINGLE